BLACK FUNDING DENIED: COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SUPPORT FOR BLACK COMMUNITIES

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Editor's Note:In an effort to further clarify our point and methodology, we have edited several parts of the report to make it clear that we are discussing community foundation grants that were specifically targeted to or explicitly designated for the Black Community.

In light of the national uprising sparked by the murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor (and building on other recent tragic movement moments goingback to the 2014 murder of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri), NCRP is analyzing grantmaking by community foundations across the country to find out exactly how much they are – or are not – investing in Black communities.

We started by looking at the latest available grantmaking data (2016-2018) of 25 community foundations (CFs) – from Los Angeles to New Orleans to New York City to St. Paul. These foundations represent a cross section of some of the country's largest community foundations as well as foundations in communities where NCRP has Black-led nonprofit allies. [1]

What did we find?

CONTINUED UNDERINVESTMENT, DESPITE INTENTIONS & DEMOGRAPHICS

Altogether, only 1% of grantmaking from the 25 foundations that we looked at was specifically designated for Black communities, even though a combined 15% of these 25 cities' populations are Black. Kinston is 60% Black. The grants are less than 5%

Put another way, these 25 foundations together designated $78 in funding per person in their communities, but only explicitly designated $6 per Black person in their communities. Examples

Baton Rouge Area Foundation	Baton Rouge, LA	3.2%	35%
Black Belt Community Foundation	Selma, AL	9.4%	58%
California Community Foundation	Los Angeles, CA	0.3%	8%
Central Florida Foundation	Orlando, FL	0.0%	16%
Columbus Foundation	Columbus, OH	1.5%	16%
Community Foundation For Mississippi	Jackson, MS	0.0%	49%
Community Foundation Of Greater	Memphis, TN	2.1%	47%
Community Foundation Of	South Bend, IN	0.0%	13%
East Bay Community Foundation	Oakland, CA	0.8%	9%
Foundation For The Carolinas	Charlotte, NC	0.5%	22%

Louisville Attractions Barrel Ahead

New exhibits showcase the area's authentic history and uniqueness

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – Louisville's iconic attractions have stepped up to the plate by offering new exhibits for visitors to explore. Several even have educational components, which offer a helpful option during this year's non-traditional virtual school days and upcoming holiday breaks. Currently 85% of Louisville's attractions are open, taking state guidelines into account for guest safely amid the coronavirus.In addition, Louisville Tourism is offering a new promotion to area residents to save up to 50% off an overnight stay in a participating hotel, along with a $25 Visa gift card for dining or takeout from a local restaurant by booking at lou.ly/hotel. This promotion is for Kentucky and Southern Indiana residents and will run through the end of 2020. Some of the new exhibits and attractions include: **Frazier History Museum, Cool Kentucky**: Historic trinkets and treasures are used to help tell the stories of iconic Kentuckians. Visitors get to dive deeper into the lives of the former ABA team the Kentucky Colonels and the city's fun history with disco balls alongside culinary treats such as the hot brown and bourbon balls. Interesting display items include a home-grown Chevrolet Corvette and American Pearl, the plywood boat Tori Murden used in her journey across the Atlantic to make her the first American and first woman to row the Atlantic Ocean solo. From the charisma of Jennifer Lawrence to the charm of George Clooney, visitors can get a closer look at the people and events that have shaped Kentucky and the world.
Permanent exhibit **Louisville Slugger Museum, The Louisville Unions Rediscovered and Bloomer Girls: Baseball, Bikes and the Battle for Ballots**
In a true Louisville, Kentucky mash-up - bourbon and baseball came together as Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory discovered the truth behind mysterious and fascinating photographs of a black baseball team that had been exceptional in its time but lost to history. The exhibit features the Louisville Unions, a pre-Negro Leagues team that dominated the Southern baseball circuit in 1908. A second exhibit salutes the Bloomer Girls who challenged stereotypes and helped women win the right to vote. Between 1890 and 1930, the Bloomer Girls teams played semi-professional baseball and traveled the country challenging men's teams. This exhibit showcases a typical bloomer outfit alongside the type of heavy, restrictive dress that women had been previously wearing. Also on display is a Wolff-American safety frame bicycle, circa 1897.

Both exhibits are running through December 2020 **Kentucky Derby Museum, Right to Ride:** Visitors will gain new insight into what these women encountered in a male-dominated sport to win their right to ride in professional Thoroughbred horse races. The exhibit traces the first American female jockeys and tells their stories. Artifacts and treasures from the jockeys' personal collection will be on view, such as Diane Crump's riding boots, Sandy Schleiffers' Jockeys' Guild ring, the Barton family scrapbook, Patti "P.J." Cooksey's gear from the 1984 Kentucky Derby and Rosie Napravnik's 2012 and 2014 winning Kentucky Oaks trophies.
Running through August 2021

Muhammad Ali Center, Truth Be Told, the Policies that Impacted Black Lives: This exhibit depicts 400 years of policies that are linked to systemic racism in America. Learn about the history of Black people that is often left out, misinterpreted, or even falsified in our history books. Posted on plywood panels used in the Louisville protests, this powerful exhibit offers you the encouragement to create a more inclusive future.
Running through April 2021

Kentucky's Science Center, One World by Air Cargo: This interactive exhibit gives an inside look at the Boeing 747-8F, UPS's newest aircraft and how it flies into Louisville and Worldport – UPS's international air hub in Louisville. Take off from Louisville Muhammad Ali Airport by flying one of three real pilot training simulations used by UPS to train pilots while getting a peek at interactive fight maps and how the cargo containers are loaded. A scale model of a Bowing 747-8F is available to view the mechanical workings of the plane and how it flies through the air.